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*** STATE WIDE CLUB MEETING NIGHTS ***

AMES- Last Wednesday, Senior Citizen Center, 7:30 PM.

BURLINGTON- Last Tuesday, Buescher Hall, 611 Columbia St. 7:30 PM.

CEDAR FALLS- Last Thursday, Cedar Falls Utility Bldg., 7:30 PM.

CEDAR RAPIDS- Third Wednesday, People's Bank & Trust, 101 3rd Ave.S.W.

CENTRAL IOWA, MARSHALLTOWN- 3rd Wed., Fisher Community Center, 7:30 PM.

CLARION COIN CLUB- 3rd Wed., I.P.S. Community Meeting Room.

DAVENPORT- 1st Tuesday, Davenport Public Library, 4th & Main, 7:00 PM.

DECORAH AREA COIN CLUB- 1st Tuesday, Army Reserve Center, 7:30 PM.

DES MOINES- 1st Tuesday, Easter Seal Center, 2920 - 30th St., 7:30 PM.

FOREST CITY- 2nd Tuesday, Manufacturer's Bank & Trust, 8:00 PM.

FORT DODGE- 2nd Thursday, Airport Meeting Room, 7:30 PM.

FORT MADISON- 3rd Tuesday, Savings & Loan Drive-In, 4520 Ave. L, 7:30 PM.

GRINNELL- 2nd Monday, Grinnell Memorial Bldg., On the Square, 7:30 PM.

ILLOWA COIN CLUB, CLINTON- 3rd Thursday, Gateway State Bank, Clinton.

INDEPENDENCE- 3rd Saturday, Courthouse Basement.

IOWA CITY-OLD CAPITOL COIN CLUB- 2nd Tues., West High School, Rm 13, 7:30

IRIS CITY, MT. PLEASANT- 1st Thursday, Courtesy Room, Henry Co. Savings Bank, E. Washington St., 7:30 PM.

KEOKUK- 4th Thurs., S.E.C.C. South Campus Student Lounge, 335 Messenger Rd.

MASON CITY- 3rd Mon., 1st St. N.W., C & NW Railroad, 7:30 PM.

MOLINE, ILL.- 3rd Thursday, Township Hall, 7:30 PM.

OSKALOOSA- 2nd Tuesday, Basement of the Farm Bureau Bldg., 7:30 PM.

OTTUMWA- 4th Tuesday, Colormaster, Inc. 800 Gateway Drive, 7:30 PM.

PORT CITY, MUSCATINE- 4th Tuesday, YMCA, 312 Iowa Ave., 7:30 PM.

RED OAK- 1st Monday, Farmers Mercantile on old HWY 34, 7:30 PM.

SIOUXLAND- 2nd Thursday, Elks Lodge, 722 Douglas, Sioux City.

STORMLAKE- 3rd Thursday, IPS meeting Room, Winter 7:30 Summer 8:00 PM.

TRI-CITIES COIN CLUB, MOLINE, ILL.- 3rd Thurs., Moline Township Hall, 620 18th St., 7:30 PM.

WADENA- 3rd Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, 8:00 PM.

WATERLOO- 2nd Wednesday Waterloo Arts & Recr. Center, 7:00 PM.

SHOW CALENDAR

Mar [illegible] Cedar Rapids Coin Club Annual Show, City Center, First Avenue & Collins Road, SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, Bourse: Marvin Roberts.

Mar 17 Port City Coin Club Annual Show, Holiday Inn, Junction Highways 61 & 38, Muscatine, IA, Bourse: Tom Reinier.

Apr 7 Tri-Cities Coin Club [illegible] Annual Show, Ramada Inn, I-[illegible] & Brady Street, Davenport, IA, Bourse: Jim [illegible]den.

Apr [illegible] Waterloo-Cedar Falls Coin Clubs 29th Annual [illegible], Waterloo Recreation Center, West First & Commercial Streets, Waterloo, IA, Bourse: Marvin Rothmeyer.

[illegible] Iris City Coin Club Annual Coin & Stamp Show, National Guard Armory, Mt. Pleasant, IA, Bourse: [illegible].

May [illegible] Central States Numismatic Society [illegible] Convention & Show, Kiel Auditorium Convention Center, St. Louis, MO.

[illegible] Oskaloosa Coin, Stamp, Comic Book & Sportscard Show, Penn Central Mall, [illegible] West, Oskaloosa, IA, Bourse: Bill McKee.

[illegible] American Numismatic Association 80th Anniversary Convention & Show, Rosemont O'Hare Exposition Center, Chicago, IL.

[illegible] Northeast Iowa Stamp, Coin & Baseball Card Bourse Sponsored by Cedar Valley Stamp Club, Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center West 4th & Commercial Streets, Waterloo, IA, Bourse: Doug Wetlaufer.

[illegible] Grinnell Coin Club 19th Coin, Stamp & Sportscard Show, Veterans Memorial Building, Grinnell, IA, Bourse: Roger A. Wolver.

[illegible] Fort Dodge Coin Club 17th Coin, Stamp & Baseball Card Show, Promenade Mall, Southern Hwy 20, Fort Dodge, IA, Bourse: Harry [illegible].

LONG TIME PORT CITY MEMBER DIES

On Sunday Dec. 2nd, Port City Coin Club lost a longtime member of their club.

Don Ostermeirer died at the age of 65 at his home. Don was a member for over 27 years. Don collected coins for many years and knew the hobby very well. He was active in collecting right upto the time of his death. The club will miss his presents, as he attended regularly and participated in club activities.

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PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED ON SALE OF IOWA STATEHOOD SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald, leader of the Iowa Sesquicentennial Memorial Foundation Coin Committee, announced today that he is requesting assistance and advice from the public and coin enthusiasts in marketing and selling 500 Iowa statehood sesquicentennial commemorative half dollars.

Coin dies, owned by the Iowa Sesquicentennial Foundation (ISMF), were found to be in mint condition during a June inspection. They are scheduled to be used to aid the state in celebrating its 150th birthday celebration in 1996, the sesquicentennial.

The Sesquicentennial Coin Committee, comprised of former Iowa governor Robert Ray, state Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald, Historian George Mills, and numerous Iowans appointed by the Coin Committee of the ISMF, will meet with representatives from the U.S. Mint to discuss the coins.

"The committee's purpose is to formulate recommendations for the ISMF as to when and how the sesquicentennial half dollars are to be sold. We want to get the public input, as well as maximize the profits," Fitzgerald added. "We plan to generate as many funds as possible for the sesquicentennial celebration."

The proposed Iowa half dollars have been produced in two series. Five hundred will be used during the state's sesquicentennial celebration in 1996, and the remaining 2,000 minted will be used for Iowa's bicentennial in 2046. The coins will sell for $4.00 and $3.00 each in 1994-97. It is estimated over 900,000 will be more than $5,000.

HELP ME OUT!!!

I have heard that Carl Wildfang has passed away. If anyone has an obituary or more information please send it to me so that I might include it in the next issue of the Iowa Collector.

LONG TIME CEDAR RAPIDS AREA DEALER PASSES AWAY

February 15th, 1991 marks the day that a longtime Iowa legend drew to an end. That was the day when Joe Marshek passed away after complications with a surgery.

Joe lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and although not as active in the last few years, was a very important person in the Iowa numismatic field. Dozens of stories abound about Joe, and to us young upstarts he was a legend in his own time. The first coin I ever purchased was from Joe, it was a 1955 P BU Franklin half for $8.50, and it wasn't even a Bugs Bunny variety.

Then, there was the time that Joe's wife cleaned the basement and threw all those old newspapers away, which just happened to be where Joe kept his extra thousand dollars for buying coins. Oh! No!.

Yes, I already miss the sound of Joe's old coin counter as the silver rolled through and he was preparing to haul it over to Doc's table. Seems in time we will all be checking out the silver lining in the clouds overhead, I hope old Joe doesn't get St. Peter's gold before I can give him a bid.

To the President, Board of Directors, and ANA members:

I am sorry to report that I must resign my positions with ANA. At the Mayo Clinic this week, my doctors report severe leakage of a heart valve which must be repaired as soon as possible. To protect my heart, I feel I must give up many positions.

Thank you for your past support.

Gaina Peters

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Iraq is surely in hot water today! It sure isn't hard to tell what is on everyone's mind right now and I guess it probably isn't coin collecting. But, it should be as this weekend is Coin-A-Rama at the Starlight Inn in Ames. The show opens at 9 AM Saturday Feb. 2 and closes at 5 PM. It will again open Sunday from 9 AM until 4 PM.

On Saturday Feb. 2nd the I.N.A. will have a meeting at 1 PM at the show. I hope to see you there. When you come bring with you ideas on who we can get to replace JoAnn as Secretary and me as Editor. Also, bring ideas on where we should have the Fall I.N.A. Show. We are definitely running out of time to get this show scheduled. If you have ideas please bring them to the meeting with you. If you don't have ideas please find some.

I guess I will keep this short and as sweet as I can make it. Volunteers, that's what we need. See you at the show.

Sincerely Yours;

Owen C. McKee

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Dear Coin Club Secretary,

The American Numismatic Association is *the* national coin club. ANA needs your members to be its members, too. And there are a thousand reasons -- incentives -- to help your club members decide to belong to the organization that most coin collectors choose.

As part of this special, privately-arranged promotion good through March 31 during this, the ANA centennial year, if you or any other member of an ANA member-club joins the ANA with a five year membership, or renews an existing membership for five years, there's a special offer that they can take advantage of.

First, you save at least $10 over the cost of annual membership. Second, you get coupons* worth more than $1,000! Most importantly, you will be belong to an organization that has promoted your hobby for the past hundred years.

Join ANA in its second century! There're $1,000 worth of reasons to *belong*.

Send in your completed application to ANA Headquarters, today, with your check for $120. The benefits, and the rewards, of belonging to the ANA will be yours.

You don't just join the ANA; you *belong*.

Cordially,

DAVID L. GANZ
ANA Life Member 1072

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